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Sir:

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Pursuant to his duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant brings the following documents to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified patent application:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,029,245 to Scanlan, issued February 22, 2000; and
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,185,567 to Ratnaraj et al., issued February 6, 2001.

A PTO-1449 form is included herewith listing these documents, and a copy of each of these documents is attached. These documents were cited in an International Search Report for a related PCT application, a copy of which is also attached.

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The International Search Report is in English. Therefore, Applicant respectfully urges that

further comment is unnecessary in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3). However, Applicant

respectfully points out that the International Search Report classifies these documents in category

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A first Official Action has not yet issued for this application. Therefore, it is respectfully

urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this

Information Disclosure Statement.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the documents listed above be considered

by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that they be made officially of

record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent

that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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